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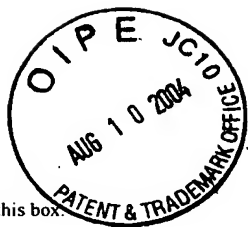
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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION		Attorney Docket No.	SHO-0027	
		First Named Inventor	Takashi NOZAKI	
		COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
		Application No.	10/697,005	
		Filing Date	October 31, 2003	
		Group Art Unit		
		Examiner Name		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted with or initial filing	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted after initial filing			
As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:				
My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.				
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (only if one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">GAMING MACHINE</div> (Title of the Invention)				
the specification of which				
<input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto				
or				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <i>October 31, 2003</i> , as United States Application Number <i>10/697,005</i> .				
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.				
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.				
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.				
Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Not claimed	Certified Copy Attached YES NO
2002-335610	JAPAN	11/19/2002		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the matter provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)

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Name of First Inventor

☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.

Given Name (first and middle [if any])	Family Name or Surname
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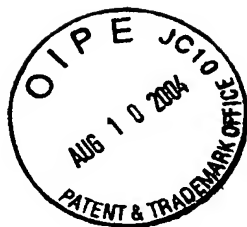
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takashi Nozaki et al.

Application No.: 10/697,005

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE

Confirmation No.: 8246

Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby declares that:

1. I am Assistant General Manager of Patent Department of ARUZE Corp. who is responsible for handling intellectual property, specifically patent, matters and is authorized representative of ARUZE Corp., assignee of above-identified application, to execute this Declaration. I am also designated to manage the above-identified patent application by ARUZE Corp.

2. In connection with my responsibilities with regard to the above-identified patent application, we contacted Mr. Tomokazu NAKATA, one of the joint

inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application, to request his execution of a declaration as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

3. Mr. Nakata refused to cooperate and to join in making the above-identified patent application.

4. We mailed a Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents to Mr. Nakata on April 7, 2004, to have him execute the documents at his last known address of 7-42-7-301, Nishikamata, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144-0051 Japan. A copy of the letter sent and its translation of the relevant part are attached hereto as Appendix A.

5. Mr. Nakata called us on April 13, 2004 and stated that he was not certain for execution and needed time for consideration.

6. We mailed a Japanese translation of the Declaration and Power of Attorney to his last known address for reference and requested Mr. Nakata to execute the documents again on April 13, 2004. The letter dated April 13, 2004 and its translation of the relevant part are attached hereto as Appendix B. We received no further communication from Mr. Nakata.

7. We again mailed a letter to Mr. Nakata's last known address to have the documents executed and returned to us anyway upon his execution or without his execution on May 28, 2004. A copy of the letter dated May 28, 2004 and its translation

of the relevant part are attached hereto as Appendix C. However, we have heard nothing from Mr. Nakata thereafter.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

wherefore, I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing Declaration.

July. 21, 2004
Date

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